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Coast Lands.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH CA OI INA ON COAST LANDS.

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These experiments with rice lands are on an ample scale, and will be conducted to the end with care and exactness. If no accident intervenes to thwart the development of their legitimate results they must be of great practical value to our planters.

It is said that our rice planters make now, under the most favorable circustances, only a new for an old dollar, and if a storm, or a freshet, or a salt river comes, or a break in the bank occurs, they do not even this. Now, Mr. Daniel Heywart, of Savannah River, a practical, observant and a successful planter, has told us that the production of rice land may be raised from forty to seventy bushels by fertilizing it with the cow peaunder ordinary cultivation. Can any one conjecture what it may attain to on land after peas with the sh ele ment? There will probably be some light on this material point from Laurel Spring next autumn.

Dr. J. B. Barton, of Rowesville. Orangeburg County, writes under date of the 20th of February: "1 cannot as yet give you any definite result from any experiment I am now making with the ash element. In June last I sowed broadcast on eight acres five hundred pounds ash element per acre, and peas sufficient to give a thick stand. The peas grew luxuriantly, and made a heavy crop of vines. When matured I sowed two bushels of the red oat, and turned peas and oats under with a two-horse plough. It gave a good stand, and the oats are now looking extremely well. From present appearance they will double my former crops.

"I have not as yet made any experiment with the vetch, but have a few plants, and intend getting seed and sowing the coming autumn.

"I shall try ash element and peas in June, let the peas mature and die on the land, and plant cotton on same land in the spring of 1879. I shall be pleased to give you the result of any experiment I may make with the ash element, peas, &c., &c."

Mr. D. Lynch Pringle writes from Keithfield, Georgetown on the 19th February: "In June last I prepared two acres, as follows: On one simply sowed two bushels of cow peas; on the other I applied four hundred pounds of the ash element and then sowed the peas. The difference was very marked between the two acres. The one on which I applied the ash element producing the most luxuriant crop of peas I have ever seen. The other produced only a poor crop. I allowed the vines to remain untouched upon the land unil the middle of November, when I turned them under and sowed oats. The difference in the growth of the oats is as marked as it was in the peas; and, in fact, one outs on the one acre than on the other, the same. but not enough to ma ethe difference as marked as it now is."

Mr. Pringle also kindly offers to aid your committee by giving them any informati in within his reach and by experimenting.

has obligingly furnished the following | coincide ices, beyond a p-radventure, notes of experiments begun on his

plantation in Orangeburg: "About ten acres of land, dry and rather sandy, with a gradual slope of about one foot to the hundred feet, planted one year in cotton, the next in corn, and in the fall of 1876 in oats, unde about fifteen bushels to the acre. Oats were cut in June, calves and hogs pastured on land until latter part of July; then a mixture, two parts calcined marl and one part each ground phosphate and German kainit, was sowed, with cow-peas,

and one bushel of the latter to the acre, and were turned under. The peas grew luxuriantly, the vines covered the land completely, fruited well, and it was necessary to drag the wooden side of the harrow over the fie'din November in order to level them before turning under.

"The remaining two acres were sown in peas, without the mixture, at the same time with the eight, and the erop was not good on them by onehalf at the least.

"In November, without picking the pens, the en acres were sowed down, about a half acre in barley, one acre in wheat, and the rest in oats, and peas, and vines, barley, wheat and oats were turned under with a Watt plough.

"About two or three weeks after, a part of a cotto i field manured for cotton with two hundr d pounds Georgia State Grange Fertilizer to the acre was planted in wheat. The result so far is that it bar'ey, wheat and oats planted with the 'ash element' (as the above mixture is called,) and peas turned under are far about of the rest.

"To sum it up. I have eight acres of oats, bar'ey and wheat planted with ash element and peas, two in oats after peas alone, four acres of wheat and twenty-five of oats in the cotton field manured with two hundred pounds Georgia State Grange Fertilizer per acre when the cotton was planted, and about forty acres of oats on rested land."

Mr John Stoney Porcher, of Walworth, upper St John's writes: "I had three-fourths of an acre in peas. with two hundred and fifty pounds ash element last spring, for wheat in the fall. Owing to some mistake the wheat was not planted until the 5th of February. It looks very well now, but is too small to conjecture anything about it.

"The ash element was used on eas that were planted, invariably to feed to mules in the summer, with good results. On six acres I put 200 pounds per acre, applying it to every other row. The effect was quite apparent, both in color and in quantity of vine and peas. They were cut in August as needed. The vines with ash element put out again, and made small fruit. But for the drought they would have made a good second crop. The vines without the ash element put out a few leaves, but made no fruit. The land was quite poor.

"One of my neighbors planted three acres of peas with the a-h element, (the quantity of this used I do not know,) last spring. Hogs were allowed to eat off the peas. Two acres were put in wheat and one in rye, the last week in January.

"These are the only experiments in progress here. Several will be undertaken this year, using the five hundred pounds of ash element per acre with peas, preparatory for small grain and cotton."

It is understood that Mr. W. G. Hinson and other planters on James I consider a beautiful crop; the other Island will begin experiments this poor. I sowed perhaps a little more spring. Mr. Joseph T. Dill will do

These experiments by Messrs Adger & Warren, Dr. Barton, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Febier and Mr. Porcher have been made under one formula; they have been anciera in their -course and results, and mough incom-Mr. Paul S. Felder, agent of the plete have progressed sufficiently to "State Grange of South Carolina," establish through their remarkable one material fact in the A lastic and tono system namely, the effective. ness f the ash element, us capacity to stimulate wonderfully the growth of the pea, and in the same degree, therefore, increase its tertilizing pow cr. And they foreshow, besides, through a comparison of crops grown with and without the element, the resuit in June and September, a greatly larger production through the use of the element; therefore, so far so

Your committee will report, from broadcast on eight acres at the rate time to time, the progress of these ex-of four hundred pounds of the former periments, and when the harvest is art o' chose.

ended, the results. And they trust that this paper will incite planters everywhere on our alluvial lands, having the means, to test for themselves and for the benefit of their less fortunate neighbors the practicability and utility of this system of cultivating cereals and meadows.

Your committee are indebted to Mr. James G. Holmes, Jr., for a report of very interesting experiments with wheat and grass on the rice lands of Cape Fear River, North Carolina, prepared when on a visit to Wilmington last November. Mr. Holmes assures your committee that the statements may be relied on as they were obtained from gentlemen who planted the crop, and as he places the report at the disposal of the committee, it is introduced entire:

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Character.

The great hope of society is individual character, because it not alone effects the individual himself, but also the society in which he lives. Emerson says that the character of men make the conscience of society in which they live. Benjamin Franklin attributed all his success among men to the character he established for himself and not to any brilliancy of intellect. Character is capital in itself. It is a victory organized, and does not depend upon birth, fortune or influence. There is no capital goes so far or pays so well, and bank ruptcy in character is seldom repaired in a life time. To establish character, feelings have to be disciplined, habits moulded and controlled in obedience to reason and moral conscience, and when propery fashioned make the surest passport through life. We find in everyday life that when a person of doubtful character circulates a peice of news it is received with suspicion, whereas when it is atgributed to a man of character people listen with eager interest and conviction. The best time to test a man of character is when the tide is against him. George Washington was a true example of a man of great character, who so wed in times of danger and difficulty a force of will, a tenacity of purpose that have never been surpassed. It is loss of character that has filed prisons, poorhouses and lunatic asylums, and only when people appreciate the true worth of character-how jealously it should be guarded and transferred as a precious heritage to their offspring-will the world furnish fewer causes of human misery, sorrow and degradation.

A Beautiful Idea.

I cannot believe that earth is man's abiding place. It cannot be that our life is cas, up by the ocean of eternity to float for a moment on its waves and sink to nothingness. Else why is it that the glorious aspirations which leap like ngels from the temple of our hearts are forever wandering about unsatisfied? Why is it that the rainbow and the clouds come over us with beauty that is not of earth, then pass off and leave us to muse upon their faded loveliness? Why is it that the stars who hold their testivals around the midnight throne are set above the grasp of limited faculties, forever mocking us with their unapproachable glory? And finally, why is it that the bright forms of human beauty presented to our view and then taken from us, leaving the thousand streams four affections to flow back in Alpine torrents on our hearts? We are born for a higher world than that of the earth; hear is a reasm where rainbows never rade-where the stars will be but before us, like isles that slumber on the ocean; and where the beings that pass before us like shadows will stay in our presence forever?

"He's filling his last cavity," said the dentist, as he saw a fellow crea-

The hangman's vegetable-The

ture lowered into the grave.

A Woman of Influence.

"I want to know if this is a steam injun or a hoss car!" yelled a woman with a complexion like an old boot, as she hooked the conductor in the coat collar with the handle of her umbrella, and pulled him back with a jerk that came very near stretching him out on the hay.

"Really. mum, I don't understand you," stammered the young man. "You don't, hey? No, I'll be bound

you don't; but if you don't stop this car, and that mighty sudden too, or I'll give you a taste of this umbrella over your wooden head that you will understand. Here I've been motionin' to you and shakin my fist at you for the last two minutes but there you stand grinnin' like a chessy cat at the gals on the sidewalk and never once shipin' your eyes around to see how your passengers are comin' on. There now, help me out with my basket, an' look sharp about it. You've carried me five blocks further'n I wanted to go, an' I want you to tell the man what runs that car comin' yonder to pass me back free. I'm a patient woman, ah' iever say much, but I've got lots of influence, young man-for my man is fireman in a printin' office down town-an' if you know which side of your bread has the butter on you'll attend to busi ness a little sharper the next time I'm aboard. That's all. You hear

Too Beautiful to Leave.

We have it from a gentleman of undoubted veracity, says the Columbia Register, who conversed with McEvoy a few days before his exercution, that the unfortunate man, while talking with his counsel on the day alluded to, said that he had always been indifferent about being executed, and more especially since his last escape-even upon the day on which he was respited by the Governor, at which time he expected to be in oresnity within an hour after the arrival of the respite. 'But now, sir, life is very sweet to me. Never, before did the world look so beautiful to me. The songs of the birds sound sweeter, the leaves on the trees look greener and fresher, the (sun which I have never seen anything particularly. beautiful,) breaks through my cell window, and, for the first time in my life, I see beauty in that, too."-Lancaster Ledger.

The First Step.

There is no step so important as the first step in any direction, especially a wrong one. Having once taken it, you are very likely to go farther. One who steals a penny will remember it when he thinks of stealing a sovereign. If he steals the sovereign first, when he is tempted by thousands he will remember he is already a thief. A perfectly innocent person drea is the soil of any sin upon his soul, but after the slightest smirch he cannot say, "I am clean" The valgar proverb, "One might as well be hung for a sheep as for a lamb," means a great deal. Often the lamb was stolen years before, and why not take the sheep?

HONESTY .- Two young men, twins, of Hart county, Ga, worked out their fathers debts, in compliance with his death-bed request. They were thirteen yeurs of age when they began, and obtained their maturity before finishing. Although frequently told that they were neither legally nor morally bound to do so, they persisted until the last cent was paid.

'Do you see any grapes, Bob?" Yes, but there is dogs " "Big dogs, Bob?" "Yes, very big" "Then come along-these grapes are not ours, you know."

The United States utilizes in agriculture ten per cent. of its area; Great Britain, fifty-eight per cent. and Holland, seventy.

Mollusks are out of season.

The Goslin.

John Billings says: The goslin is the old goose's young child. They are yaller all over, and az soft as a ball of worsted

There foot is wove hole, they can swim as easy az a drop of kastor oil on the water. They are born annually about the 15th of May, and was never known to die naturally. If a man should tell me he saw a goose die a natural death, I wouldn't believe him on oath after that, not even if he had swore he had told a lie about seeing a goose die.

The goose are different in one respect from the human family, who are said to grow weaker and wiser, whereas a goose alwas grows tuffer and more phoolish.

I have seen a goose they said was 991 years old last June, and it didn't look an hour older than one that was only sweet sixteen.

The goslin waddles when he walks and paddles when he swims, but never dives like a duck out of sight in the water, but only changes ends. The food uv the goose is rye, corn,

oats and barley, sweet apples, hasty puddings, succutash and biled cabbage, cooked potatoze, raw meat, wine, jelly and turnips, stale bread, kould hash, and buckwheat cakes that are left over.

They ain't so particular as some pholks what they eat, won't get mad and quit if they can't have wet toast and lamb chops every morning for breakfast.

A Husband Market.

A strong minded woman married a man not noted for activity of body or energy of character, and before the honeymoon was over, upon awaken ing one morning, he found his spouse in tears.

"My love," said he, "what is the matter?"

"Oh I've had such a dreadful dream." "Why, what was it."

"I thought I was going out Washington street when I saw a sign, Husbands for Sale.' So many women were rushing in that I followed, and just then they were selling a splendid specimen for \$1,000."

"But did they all bring as much as "Oh, no. They went at \$1,000,

\$500 and so on down." "Well, did you see any that looked like me?"

"Yes, indeed. But they were tied up in bunches like asparagus, and sold for ten cents a bunch."

Keeping Up Appearances.

A member of the sanitary police came across a boy the other day who was wheeling home a load of oyster cans and bottles, and curious to know what use the lad could put them to, he made a direct inquiry.

"Going to throw them over into our back yard," replied the boy. "I took two loads home yesterday.

"But what do you use'em for?" "It's a trick of the family," grinned the lad.

"How trick ?"

"I'd just as lief tell," continued the boy, as he spit on his hands to resume his hold of the barrow. "We're going to have some relashuns come in from the country. We may not have much to eat, but if they see these cans and bottles and boxes the'll think we've had isters, champagne, figs and nuts till we've got tired of 'em, and are living on bread and taters for a healthy change!"

The officer scratched his ear like a man who had received a new idea.

False friends are like our shadow -keeping close to us while we walk in the sunshine, but leaving us the instant we cross into the shade.

A Tennessee paper has a poem entitled, "Smile when ever you can. Whiskey is cheap in that State !

Difficult man to divorce -one wedded to his own ideas,